

REMARKS

Claims 5-14, 16, 19-26, and 28-29 remain in the present application. Claims 3 and 4 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 5, 6, and 11 are hereby amended. No new matter is being added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, 11, and 12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As discussed below, applicants have amended the pending claims to overcome this objection and to put the pending claims in form for allowance.

Claims 5, 6, and 11 are each hereby amended to be in independent form by incorporating the limitations of claim 3. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that these claims as amended are now in form for allowance.

Claim 12 depends from newly independent claim 11. As such, applicants respectfully submit that this claim is now in form for allowance.

Claims 7-10, 13, 14, 16, 19-26, 28 and 29 were allowed.

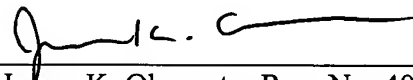
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 5-14, 16, 19-26, and 28-29 are now in form for allowance and patentably distinguished over the cited art. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

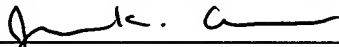
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